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REF: LAHORE 1156 (NOTAL) AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. HONORARY CONSUL FOR WEST GERMANY AT LAHORE INFORMED
US 1640 LOCAL TIME AT AIRPORT THAT SIX MALE HIJACKERS ARE
ON BOARD AIRCRAFT ARMED WITH HANDGRENADES AND A PISTOL.
HE SIAD PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THEY MAY BE DISSIDENT
INDIANS WHO WISH TO ESCAPE COUNTRY AND GO TO MIDDLE EAST.
THEY DO NOT APPEAR TO BE ARABS OR PALISTINIANS.

2. CONSUL, WHO HAS OBTAINED RELEASE FROM PAK AUTHORITIES
OF THREE GERMAN NATIONALS LET OFF PLANE EARLIER, COULD GIVE
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US NO RPT NO INFORMATION ABOUT AMERICAN PASSENGER BELIEVED

TO BE ON BOARD. WE QUESTIONED THREE GERMANS WHO SAID AMCIT MIGHT BE A YOUNG MALE STUDENT, BUT THEY COULD OFFER NO FURTHER DETAILS EXCEPT THAT PASSENGERS ON WHOLE WERE IN GOOD SPIRITS CONSIDERING CIRCUMSTANCES. CONSUL SAID A THIRD INDIAN HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO LEAVE PLANE FOR MEDICAL REASONS.

3. PAK AUTHORITIES REQUESTED GERMAN CONSUL TO WITHHOLD INFORMATION FROM PRESS, WHICH HE DID DESPITE LARGE NUMBER OF REPORTERS AT AIRPORT. WE HAVE DONE SAME.

4. IN EARLIER CONVERSATION THIS AFTERNOON WITH DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL (DIG) OF POLICE (LAHORE), WE LEARNED THAT HIJACKERS STILL REFUSE TO DISCLOSE NATIONALITY OF PASSENGERS. DIG COULD ONLY SAY THAT THEY HAVE EXPRESSED WISH TO GO TO MIDDLE EAST.

5. AIRCRAFT IS FUELED AND READY TO GO, BUT NEGOTIATIONS REPORTED ARE CONTINUING ABOUT POSSIBLE PLACE TO LAND. MUSCAT HAS BEEN RUMORED TO BE ONE CHOICE. ABU DHABI HAS ALSO BEEN MENTIONED.

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6. WE WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT AS FURTHER INFORMATION DEVELOPS.
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